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SUBJECT: SECURE VOICE- SAIGON

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1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL: OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE LONGER RUN IS THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH ONCE COMMON USER TERMINAL IN C& R AND PERHAPS ONE IN THE AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE. OUR DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, MUST AWAIT AMBASSADOR MARTIN' S ARRIVAL.

2. BEFORE WE CAN COMMENT ON PARA 3, WE HAVE A QUESTION; AS IT NOW STANDS, ONLY ONE TERMINAL HAS EA AND CONUS CAPABILITY, ACCORDING TO REFTEL. YET AS A MATTER OF FACT WE CAN GET TO CONUS FROM ALL FOUR OF THE TERMINALS. FURTHER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DAO IS RECOMMENDING RETENTION OF THE AN/ FTC-31 SWITCH UNTIL JANUARY, 1974. OUR QUESTION IS-- WHY CAN' T WE NOW SAY WE NEED ONLY TWO TERMINALS, IN C& R AND IN THE RESIDENCE, WITH ONLY EA AREA CAPABILITY AND PRIORITY PRECEDENCE FOR BILLING PURPOSES, AND THEN, WHEN WE NEED CONUS AND/ OR HIGHER PRIORITY WE ASK FOR IT AND RECEIVE AFTER THE FACT BILLING.

3. ABOVE TWO TERMINALS ARE IN ADDITION TO THIRD TERMINAL LOCATED ON SIXTH FLOOR IN OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE AMBASSADOR WHICH OSA DESIRES TO RETAIN.

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